Danger of AIDs to Dental Patients and Dentists

1179. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dental patients as well as dentists especially at the time of tooth extraction are prone to AIDs; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to save the people from this danger?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have laid-down clear guidelines to save the people from this danger. The guidelines provide that "as all the surgical processes including dental procedures are invasive procedure leading to breaking continity of the skin and/or mucous membrance there is a lot of blood tissues, organs and body fluids during this procedure".

Hence barrier precautions (Universal Precautions) must be observed.

Policy Regarding Development of 2-Star Hotels

1180. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have abandoned the policy to encourage the development of 2-star hotels;

(b) if so, the reasons for neglecting this sector;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government ignored the needs of middle class Indian tourists; and

(d) steps proposed to increase 2-star hotels in the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In order to increase the accommodation for budget tourists the Government of India provides various fiscal incentives in the form of income tax exemptions and also interest subsidy which is applicable to 1, 2 and 3-star approved hotel projects, on loans sanctioned by State Financial Corporations, Tourism Financial Corporation of India, Industrial Financial Corporation of India and State Development Corporations.

Family Courts in the Country

1181. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a State Commission for women has urged Government to activate family courts in the country in a big way;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the number of family courts are presently functioning in the country with State/Union Territory-wise details thereof and whether Government propose to increase them; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present 61 Family Courts are functioning in the country in 11 States and one Union Territory. The State/UT-wise break-up of Family courts is given in the attached statement (see below). The primary responsibility for setting up of Family Courts lies with the State Governments/UTs concerned, who have to make a formal request to the Central Government for bringing into operation of the Family Courts Act, in that State/UT. On the basis of the request, the Central Government issues a